

## The Nittany Narrator

### OUR PERPLEXING DEFICIENCY

By Dave Craley, Nittany Cub Sports Editor

There is at least one student of the Behrend Campus who is bewildered. He is bewildered not because the assignments are overpowering him, and not because he is unable to successfully meet the responsibilities that college demands, but because what he thought was supposed to be outstanding asset of college life, what was supposed to be the vital spark, the protoplasm of campus life, namely, "collegiate enthusiasm," has failed to coagulate at Behrend.

The student disposition at our Penn State Commonwealth Campus is greatly lacking in spirited essence. It is a hollow framework with no internal organs to keep it healthfully progressive.

Nearly everything about Behrend Campus is held in very high regard by this student. But the stillborn spirit of the Campus is a bewilderment and a disappointment.

In the words of Coach Gallagher, athletics is seventy-five per cent of the extracurricular activity on the Behrend Campus. And it is here that the lack of spirit is most apparent. Past Nittany Cub athletic teams have ranged from poor or mediocre. Most people would say it was due primarily to the teams themselves, but the truth may be more than the eye can perceive. Attendance at Behrend athletic events has been more than just disgusting. This is especially true for basketball where the home crowd can and does play a tremendous part in the eventual outcomes of the contests. Any true sports fan fully realizes what the presence of an enthusiastic, foot-stomping, partisan crowd can do to or for a usually mediocre ball team. Needless to say, it can work wonders. It can lift a faltering team off the floor of defeat and push it on to new heights never before attainable. It instills desire to win. It makes playing the game so much more worthwhile.

Perhaps a bit of tongue-in-cheek composition is what is needed to encourage the student body on to action:

#### The Drift of Behrend Alacrity

We are a dormant lot, we are. The older and wiser folks call us the younger generation, the restless, sensitive, new breed. They say we have grown up in an age of fear and uncertainty. They say we are not building for the future, that we are trying to jam our entire lifetimes into a few fast-paced years. They say we have an inexorable zest for life, an eagerness for the spirited, an affluent enthusiasm and a patriotism for that which we feel is our and of us. But when it comes to ourselves, we here at Behrend is in a state of quiescence. It is disappointing; it is better, don't go in for that sort of spirited thing. We are a dormant lot, we are.

But then, perhaps such an editorial would be much too blunt. Nevertheless, at least the desire to do something about the situation is there if the reader would scan between the lines, so to speak. And then again, perhaps we are a dormant lot after all. Let us hope not. But for the time being, we have to admit that the college spirit at Behrend is in a state of quiescence. It is disappointing; it is bewildering—but it is conquerable.

## New TV Course In Operation

In October, 1961, the worst crisis in fifteen years shook the Behrend Campus! The world series was about to begin and the television set in Erie Hall was not working. This situation demanded quick decision and fast action. A rented television replaced the broken one, and the "T V Majors" were able to watch the series.

While the World Series was on, negotiations were in process for the purchase of a new, better tele-

vision set. The result is the beautiful Zenith console now in the lounge. It was procured for the campus by the Student Affairs Fund of the University.

This set is now the center of attraction on the campus. From the beginning of "Morning Star Time" to the end of "American Bandstand" it blares forth full force. It provides essential entertainment between classes for the students who do not choose to spend their time in the library (heaven forbid). The set is for the use of all the students, and those who watch it should do so

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### 1961-1962 BEHREND CAMPUS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

(Asterisk denotes a league game).

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Friday	Nov. 17	Jamestown	away	7:30
Saturday	Nov. 25	*Johnstown	home	2:00
Friday	Dec. 1	Ashtabula	home	7:00
Saturday	Dec. 2	*DuBois	home	8:00
Friday	Dec. 8	Dyke College	away	8:00
Friday	Jan. 12	Jamestown	home	8:00
Wednesday	Jan. 17	Ashtabula	away	8:00
Saturday	Jan. 20	Penn State Fr.	home	8:00
Thursday	Jan. 25	Bryant-Stratton	away	8:00
Saturday	Jan. 27	*Johnstown	away	2:00
Friday	Feb. 2	*McKeesport	home	8:00
Saturday	Feb. 3	*Altoona	home	2:00
Wednesday	Feb. 7	Bryant-Stratton	home	8:00
Friday	Feb. 9	*Altoona	away	8:00
Saturday	Feb. 10	*DuBois	away	7:00
Friday	Feb. 16	*McKeesport	away	8:00
Saturday	Mar. 3	Penn State Fr.	away	2:00

## Behrend Basketball Outlook

COACH GALLAGHER'S NITTANY CUBS take to the hardwoods this evening at Jamestown in what represents the vestibule to the 1961-62 Behrend basketball season. With lettermen George Buszinski, Bruce Clark, and Tom Woodring forming the Nittany nucleus, the Cubs face a skyscraper Jamestown Community College five in the city YMCA at 7:30 P. M.

Although the Cubs are short on height, Coach Gallagher feels the team has increased speed and hustle this year, just the qualities needed to surprise the tall Jamestown squad.

#### BIG "O"

The big man on the hosting Lakers' five is 6'8" Randy Otander, a Panama (New York High School) extract. Otander played in the Western New York Class "C" League last year and led his school to the tri-county playoff championship in Buffalo's Memorial Auditorium.

Last season the Nittany Cubs compiled a record of three victories against fourteen losses, two of those defeats being against Jamestown. An enthusiastic cheerleading squad coupled with a good student body turnout at the home games could sway the percentage toward the more respectable this year.

The tallest man on the Behrend caucus is freshman Ron Feltenberger who stands 6'3". Sophs George Buszinski and Denny Conrath are both 6'1" while Bruce Clark measures 6'2". Frosh Buck McKee and Larry Loftus check in at an even six feet as does sopho-

more Sam Heller. Returning letterman Tom Woodring stands 5'7" as opposed to freshman Doug Prozan's 5'10". Prozan played at McDowell High last year, Loftus at Academy, and McKee at Wesleyville.

#### 30 PLUS 50 EQUALS 80

After their opening tilt at Jamestown tonight the Cubs will play their home opener on Saturday, November 25, at 2:00 o'clock. The opponent will be the University of Pittsburgh's junior college at Jamestown. This will also be the Cub's first of eight league games with league members—Behrend, Altoona, Dubois, Johnstown, and McKeesport. A total of seventeen games comprises the winter schedule with perhaps the Penn State rosh being the best overall team and Johnstown ranking as the top league crew. The Pittsburghers have on their squad a boy by the name of Carl Roman who scored eighty points against Behrend last year. His thirty in the initial meeting of the two clubs was outstanding in itself, but he came back to pump in fifty markers the second time around in leading his team to a runaway victory. Obviously, this will be a boy to watch when Johnstown invades the Behrend Campus on the twenty-fifth.

The present Cub basketball atmosphere is that of optimism. The players will do their best; it is up to the student body to urge them to do even better.

(Ed. note: Sophomores Todd Cook and Bob Rausch are recent additions to the Nittany Cub roster. Coach Gallagher is counting on both men as key men in Behrend playmaking.)